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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum provides information on the following:

- **Pursuit of County Position on Legislation**
 - **Pursuit of County Position to Support AB 1054 (Chesbro).** This measure would reduce the annual rate increase paid by counties for placements at Institutions for Mental Diseases from 4.7 percent to 3.5 percent effective July 1, 2014. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support proposals that increase the availability of beds at Institutions for Mental Disease and reduce the impact of overcrowding on emergency and inpatient resources for mentally ill persons, **the Sacramento advocates will support AB 1054.**
- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**
 - **County-sponsored AB 506** - related to consent for HIV testing of an infant less than 12 months of age who is placed in foster care passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee on April 30, 2013.
 - **County-sponsored AB 1065 (Holden)** - related to parole supervision for Mentally Disordered Offenders failed passage in the Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 30, 2013. Reconsideration was granted for this measure.

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- **County-sponsored SB 191 (Padilla)** - related to funding for pediatric trauma centers passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on April 30, 2013.
 - **County-sponsored SB 360 (Padilla)** - related to certification and piloting of new voting systems passed the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee on April 30, 2013.
 - **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**
 - **County-opposed AB 1357 (Hernández)** - related to the use of Measure B funds for trauma care in the San Gabriel Valley is now a two-year bill.
 - **County-opposed SB 388 (Lieu)** - related to expansion of investigation protections to situations in which a public safety officer or firefighter is subject to interrogation is now a two-year bill.
 - **County-opposed SB 626 (Beall)** - related to the repeal of specified provisions of the workers' compensation system reforms enacted in 2012 is now a two-year bill.
 - **Status of Legislation of County Interest**
 - **AB 1151 (Ting)** - related to the registration of property tax agents, passed the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on April 29, 2013.
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Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

AB 1054 (Chesbro), which as amended on April 11, 2013, would reduce the annual rate increase paid by counties for placements at Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) from 4.7 percent to 3.5 percent effective July 1, 2014.

Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) are locked, skilled nursing facilities that provide diagnosis, treatment and care for persons with severe mental diseases including: medical attention, nursing care, and related services. IMDs are subject to the Federal Medicaid exclusion; therefore, counties are responsible for 100 percent of the costs for IMD placements including an annual 4.7 percent rate increase.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) indicates that IMD facilities are an important asset in the mental health continuum of care. These facilities provide critical services for persons with acute mental illnesses that require hospitalization in a locked facility to stabilize their condition. Currently, DMH has 870 individuals placed in IMD facilities

and 172 individuals on a waiting list for placement. DMH estimates that the current 4.7 percent annual rate increase would result in an estimated County cost of \$2.7 million. AB 1054 proposes to reduce the IMD rate increase to 3.5 percent. DMH estimates this would reduce County costs by approximately \$771,000 annually, freeing additional County resources for critical IMD services and treatment.

This office and the Department of Mental Health support AB 1054. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support proposals that increase the availability of beds at Institutions for Mental Disease and reduce the impact of overcrowding on emergency and inpatient resources for mentally ill persons, **the Sacramento advocates will support AB 1054.**

AB 1054 is sponsored by the California Mental Health Directors Association and supported by the California State Association of Counties. There is no opposition on file. This measure is scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 1, 2013.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored AB 506 (Mitchell), which as introduced on February 20, 2013, would allow a social worker to provide consent to an HIV test as part of the routine physical examination for an infant less than 12 months of age who is placed in foster care, passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee by a vote of 10 to 0 on April 30, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-sponsored AB 1065 (Holden), which as introduced on February 22, 2013, would require that a person released from State prison, who has served a previous prison term for which he or she was certified as a Mentally Disordered Offender, be subject to parole supervision and to the court in the county in which the parolee is released, failed passage in the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 3 to 0 on April 30, 2013. Reconsideration for this measure was granted.

County-co-sponsored SB 191 (Padilla), which as introduced on February 7, 2013, would eliminate the January 1, 2014 sunset date for the Richie's Fund which authorizes counties to augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by collecting an additional penalty assessment for specified crimes to fund pediatric trauma centers, passed the Senate Public Safety Committee by a vote of 6 to 0 on April 30, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

County-sponsored SB 360 (Padilla), which as amended on April 10, 2013, would require a specified State certification and testing process for voting systems and allow local jurisdictions to pilot publicly-owned voting systems, passed the Senate Elections

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and Constitutional Amendments Committee by a vote of 4 to 1 on April 30, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-opposed AB 1357 (Hernández), which as amended on April 8, 2013, would require Measure B trauma care funds collected from properties in the San Gabriel Valley to remain within that region for medical and trauma services to reduce ambulance diversion and establish a task force to study and audit County Measure B funds collected from properties in the San Gabriel Valley, was held in the Assembly Health Committee on April 30, 2013 at the request of the author. This measure is now a two-year bill.

County-opposed SB 388 (Lieu), which as amended on April 8, 2013, would expand the investigation rights and protections provided to public safety officers and firefighters to situations where an officer or firefighter is subject to an interrogation, was held in the Senate Public Safety Committee on April 30, 2013 at the request of the author. This measure is now a two-year bill.

County-opposed SB 626 (Beall), which as amended on April 18, 2013, would repeal several provisions of the workers' compensation system reforms enacted in SB 863 (Chapter 363, Statutes of 2012), including provisions meant to streamline the medical care evaluation and dispute processes, was held in the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee on April 24, 2013 at the request of the author. This measure is now a two-year bill.

Status of Legislation of County Interest

AB 1151 (Ting), which as amended on April 16, 2013, would, beginning July 1, 2014, require property tax agents to register biannually with the Secretary of State before representing a taxpayer before any county official, passed the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee by a vote of 6 to 1 on April 29, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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